

HA-1337

1887

House  
133 Archer Street  
Bel Air  
Private

This shotgun house was built by Darius Prigg, a Bel Air housepainter, in the Hays Addition. Like its neighbors on Archer Street it was built as simple workingman's housing.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

133 Archer Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED

\_\_\_ YES UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ NO

## PRESENT USE

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ OTHER: rental

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Goldie B. Buchanan

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

25 Hartford Street

CITY, TOWN

Dorchester

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Mass.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 302

Folio #: 395

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT                      ☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD                              ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR                               ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This long, shabby, shot-gun house is at 133 Archer Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is covered in asphalt shingle and has a sheet metal gable roof. Its two bay front (west) elevation shows a four pane casement window in the gable. The second story front and all the side windows are 6/6 double-hung sash. The first story facade has three bays. The two to the south are occupied by floor length windows with their shutters closed. They are probably 2/4 double-hung sash like those of the next house to the north (127 Archer). The entry, in the north bay, is topped by a two pane transom. The facade is shaded in the first story by a shed porch carried on plain posts and having a plain balustrade.

The house appears doubled in length on the north side. A hood is over a side door between the east and west bays of the original block. The south side has a single story shed porch carried on plain posts in the back (east) two bays (corresponding to the two story addition on the other side).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1887

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This workingman's house was built in 1887 by Darius Prigg, a white painter, on land purchased in his wife's name (Mary Prigg) from the Bel Air Land Company (59/112) in the Hays Addition. He sold it to Joseph Hall, a black man, in 1894. The Hays Addition is racially mixed today, but seems to have more blacks than whites.

This house is in deplorable condition, probably because its owner lives in far-off Massachusetts.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #1253 in the Town of Bel Air  
50' x 150'.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

14 June 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
21 STATE CIRCLE  
SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1337

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME: House

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION: 133 Archer  
Bel Air, Md. 21014

COMMON NAME: House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

OWNER: Goldie B. Buchanan 302/395  
ADDRESS: 25 Hartford St.  
Dorchester, Mass. 02125

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (X)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (X) State ( ) National ( )

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

Darius Prigg House

PRESENT USE: Private residence-rental

ORIGINAL USE: private residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( ) Good ( )  
Fair ( ) Poor: (X)

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT: 1887

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
2. Wall Structure
  - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( )  
Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle (X)  
Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - A. Truss: Wood ( ) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal (X)  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys (X) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
Other:

Number of Stories: 2-1/2

Number of Bays: 2

Approximate Dimensions: 25' x 40'

Entrance Location: Archer

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration (X)  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

4 pane window in gable 6/6 2nd story  
3 bay 1st story front (west) 2 long windows closed shutters  
2 pane transom over door  
porch shed plain posts & balusters  
doubled in size - shed added to back 2 story  
wood over side (N) door between E & W bays  
gray  
Shed porch, plain posts S.E. corner rear

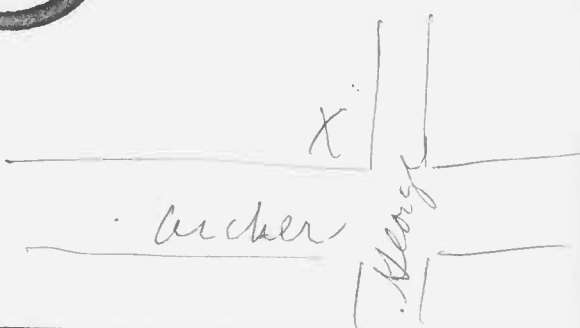
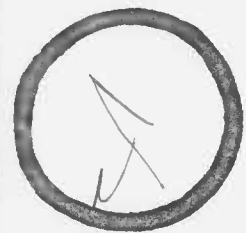
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Originally, home of Darius Prigg, a white printer. It passed to Joseph Hall, black, for \$500 in 1894.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up( )Densely Built Up( )  
Residential(☒)Commercial( )  
Agricultural( )Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

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RECORDED BY:  
Town of Bel

ORGANIZATION:  
12 June 1979

DATE RECORDED:







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M. Lamm, 1979